

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0068] beginning on page 15, with the following amended paragraph:

[0068] $\underline{d_{i,k} = \| f_k^{(r-1)}(x_i) - y_i \|}$ $\underline{d_{i,k} = \| f_k^{(r-1)}(x_i) - y_i \|}$ (10)

Please replace paragraph [0088] beginning on page 18, with the following amended paragraph:

[0088] The process illustrated with reference to Figs. 1-10 may be tangibly embodied in a processor-readable medium or carrier, e.g. one or more of the fixed and/or removable data storage devices 588 illustrated in Fig. 5, or other data storage or data communications devices. The program 590 may be loaded into memory 530 to configure the processor 510 for execution of the program 590. The program 590 include instructions which, when read and executed by a processor 510 of Fig. 5, causes the devices to perform the steps necessary to execute the steps or elements of an embodiment of the present invention.